

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 are presently active in this case; Claims 1-3 and 10-12 having been amended by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 10 was objected to for minor informalities; Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite; Claims 1-10 were indicated as being allowable if amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 1.112, second paragraph; and Claims 11-12 were allowed.

First, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Phunkulh for the allowance of Claims 11 and 12 and the indication that Claims 1-10 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 112 second paragraph.

In addition, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner Phunkulh for the January 24, 2005 discussion at which time Applicants discussed the objections and rejections of Claims 1 and 10. During the discussion, Applicants' representative and Examiner Phunkulh agreed that the claims substantially as amended herein overcome the rejections and objections to Claims 1 and 10 as stated in the Official Action. In addition to the amendments discussed, Applicants have amended Claims 1-3 and 10-12 to include clarifying punctuation and formatting changes. Thus, Claims 1 and 10 are now in condition for allowance.

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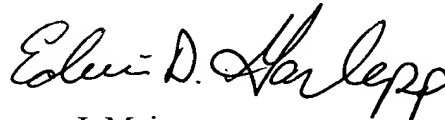
Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

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